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CHRISTMAS CHIMES!

How they add to the Christmas spirit! "Silent Night, Holy Night"—"Adeste Fideles" —pealing out on crisp air that is richly laden with the memories of other Christmas seasons —of that One memorable Christmas-tide centuries ago. Each Christmas sees an ever increasing number of churches enjoying the benefits that come through the installation of Golden Voiced Tower Chimes.

A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEED

Not only at Christmas time but at every other season of the year these Modern Tower Chimes confer incalculable benefits through reaching the strays and non-attendants—those whom the Church most of all wants to reach but who shun every ordinary invitation. When Chimes are installed there is invariably a noticeable spiritual awakening in the community—new faces are seen in the congregation;

THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF JESUS.

INTRO. To-day we consider the capacity of Jesus' mind for understanding fully his great mission in life-its objectives, the methods and means of accomplishing it, and the problems involved. In short- the Comprehensiveness of Jesus in its heighths and depths and outreachings.

Gladstone shortly before his death declared to Parliament that they were thinking within limits altogether toonarrow; they were thinking in terms of the British Isles only, whereas they should include the whole map.

The scope of our religious thinking has likewise been altogether too restricted, we have failed to take in the whole map of life.

Our religious thinking has been directed and controlled by theology, and theology has all but made a wreck of our Christianity.

It has separated the supernatural from the natural

It has interpreted God and eternal life as having nothing to do with the material and economic factors in the life of man.

In emphasizing that man does not live by bread alone it has ignored the fact that without bread man cannot live at all.

It has built up its system of beliefs on Pauline theologymixed with a few chozen passages from the O.T., utterly ignoring some of the great teachings of Jesus Christ and of the great O.T. prophets.

It has regarded life as static and artificlal, instead of dynamic and living.

I am not denying the splendid service that theolody has rendered to [illegible]ty, but its restricted and artificlal view of life as we now [illegible]it to be needs to be supplemented and brot into adsustment with the larger vision of Life which Jesus presents to us.

John 10:10 I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Mk. 1:15 The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye and believe in the Gospel.

E. The Religious Interpretation of The Abundant Life of Jesus and His Kingdom of God. Under Rugh.

A. The Five Aspects of Life.

1. The Physical, or response of the body to the physical world
2. The Mental, or the response of the mind to the Logical Order-time, space, causation, etc.
3. The moral, or response of the agent to the social order.
4. The Spiritual, or the response of the will to the Ideal Order
5. The Religious, or the response of the whole Personality to the Universal Order.

B. The Four Ways of treating Life.

1. By Maintaining and Sustaining Life.
2. By protecting Life
3. By Curing Life's Ills.
4. By Caring for the Incurables. - The Immanence of God.

II. Salvation and Redemption according to Rel. Education.

1. Salvation-Keeping in Jesus' Way of Living.
The Process by which we are saved from sin, kept in Jesus Way.
Example. Method of teaching Spelling
To make pupil ashamed of mispelling
To develop within him a spelling conscience- when he does'nt know how to spell a word, to go toth the dictionary and find out.
He is thus saved from misspling
In maintaining our bodies in health and strength, we save them from sickness and disease. Likewise our minds and wills and souls, our spiritual selves.

2. Redemption, is the process of curing from sickness and disease, the bringing back to Jesus' Way of Living.

III. The Kingdom of God according to Jesus.

1. "My Father works". God's part. A cosmic process.

2. "And I work". Our part.

a. Jesus started Christianity as a religion of Love and Service.
The greatest commandment-
Jesus came to minister
The only possible way to serve God is to serve men.

b. The social significance of Xty, then, is clear-
"an endeavor to establish a world-wide, ideal human society, in which justice and good will shall be realized, upon a religious basis"
Chas. A. Ellwood.

c. The products of the Kingdom of God on earth
Universal good will and justice.
Human Brotherhood.

IV. The Individual Xn in the Kingdom of God.

1. The full recognition of personality.
The individual self
The private self
The public self. The self belongs to all mankind and to God.
Self functioning in the home, in business,
2. in church and school, in community and state.

V. The Church in the Kingdom of God.
The stands for the organized religious life of man.
The most important institution of man, whose business it is to create Xn character in individuals and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.
What must the Church do to fully realize its objectiv
1. It must become united within itself.
2. Not unity of organization, but of cooperation in saving mankind
Within itself- a united purpose
Outside itself- cooperating with school and sta

2. It must seek the social redemption of mankind, the creation of a Christian world.
The awakening and guidance of a public opinion that upholds and works for the Xn ideal for the social order.

3. The Church must recognize that science and democracy are two of the three great forces that are shaping civilization and must learn to work hand in hand with them.

Conclusion- The Comprehension of Jesus?